(d) if so, the action taken by Government on these proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) The State Government of Punjab has requested for a civil enclave at Bhatinda and offered the required land for it. Recently a joint team of officers of Airports Authority of India (AAI), Indian Air Force (IAF) and State Government inspected the site. However, in case of Adampur, AAI has not received any request for establishment of a Civil Enclave.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. A proposal has been received from the State Government. The existing runway is to be extended to 8000 feet for which about 300 acres of land is required. AAI has advised the State Government to survey the area and confirm availability of land.

Proposal to lower revenue share in DIAL

2949. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to lower its revenue share in Delhi International Airport Ltd. (DIAL), in view of the objections raised by M/s GMR to the Greater Noida airport; and

(b) if so, how much loss Government would incur on account of this decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

National code on aircraft

2950. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has been taking up the matter with the International Civil Aviation Organization to replace the existing codes in the commercial aircrafts with the national code of the country;

(b) if so, the status of the negotiations;

(c) by when the national code of the country would be inscribed on the aircrafts; and

(d) the reasons for the delay in implementing this process?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (d) The Representative of India to the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) has consulted the ICAO for replacing the existing aircraft nationality mark "VT" assigned presently to India. The matter is still under consideration as any change must be representative of our country.

Naming of Raipur Airport

†2951. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Chhattisgarh Government and State's public have requested the Raipur airport to be named after Swami Vivekanand;

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(b) whether the purported ground thereof has perhaps to do with his longer stay there than elsewhere;

(c) if so, whether the proposal is under consideration; and

(d) by when a final decision on the matter is likely to be made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The general policy of naming of airport has been to retain name of the cities for domestic airports, since passengers in general and especially foreign tourists and other visitors who may not be familiar with the local history find it easier to identify the airport, when it is named after the city, which it serves.

However, this matter is under consideration for the Competent Authority to take a decision.

Flights on Lucknow-New Delhi sector

†2952. SHRI BANWARI LAL KANCHHAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that there is no flight on Lucknow-New Delhi-Lucknow sector between 11.00 A.M. to 4.00 P.M.;

(b) whether it is a fact that during this period many citizens and enterpreneurs want to avail service of such a flight;

(c) whether Government would consider to provide a flight on Lucknow-New Delhi-Lucknow sector between 11.00 A.M. to 4.00 P.M.; and

(d) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (d) As per Government policy, airlines are free to decide the timings of their flights. At present Air Deccan, JetLite and Jet Airways are already operating scheduled air services on Lucknow-New Delhi-Lucknow sector between 11 A.M. to 4.00 P.M.

Goa to Delhi flight

2953. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India has withdrawn its daily flights, from Goa to Delhi with stop over at Mumbai;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Air India is likely to resume the flight; and

(d) if so, by which date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

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